

## **SENATE CONFIRMS BUSH'S KEY ENVIRONMENTAL CHOICES**

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WASHINGTON, DC (ENS) - The U.S. Senate yesterday registered its consent for two of President George W. Bush's key environmental policy advisors, as it voted to confirm Christine Todd Whitman as administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Gale Norton as interior secretary.

Whitman, a Republican who has served as governor of the state of New Jersey since 1993, won Senate approval to head up the EPA by a unanimous 99-0 vote. Not voting on Whitman's nomination was Senator Byron Dorgan, a Democrat from North Dakota.

Whitman is expected to soon resign as New Jersey's chief executive to assume her duties as EPA administrator, one of 15 presidential cabinet level positions in the Bush administration.

Gale Norton, a former attorney general for the state of Colorado, also won Senate confirmation as President George W. Bush's Interior Secretary.